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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. ACP COUNCIL OF AMBASSADORS AND COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HELD SESSIONS IN BLANTYRE DECEMBER 9 THROUGH 12 PER REFTEL. SESSIONS WERE CLOSED BUT GENERALLY DEALT WITH ORGANIZATIONAL RATHER THAN SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS.

2. IN PREPARATORY MEETING OF AMBASSADORS CHAIRED BY M.O. GIAMA, SOMALI AMBASSADOR TO EEC, CONDITIONS OF SERVICES FOR STAFF OF PROPOSED ACP SECRETARIAT AND SENIOR STAFF APPOINTMENTS, INCLUDING THAT OF SECY GENERAL, WERE DISCUSSED. COUNCIL ALSO APPROVED DRAFT BUDGET OF 37 MILLION BELGIAN FRANCS (JUST OVER \$1 MILLION) TO RUN ACP SECRETARIAT OPERATIONS DURING CALENDAR YEAR 76. A SLIDING SCALE FOR MEMBER STATE CONTRIBUTIONS WAS RECOMMENDED TO FINANCE BUDGET.

3. TENTH SESSION OF ACP COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MET DECEMBER 11 AND 12 UNDER COUNCIL PRESIDENT COLONZL R. J. A. FELLI,
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COMMISSIONER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOR GHANA. TOPICS DISCUSSED INCLUDED NEED FOR RATIFICATION OF LOME CONVENTION, ATTENTION TO SPECIAL ACP PRODUCTS, LEGAL TEXTS OF PROPOSED RULES OF ACP AND ACP-EEC ORGANIZATIONS AND INTRA-WCP RELATIONS. FELLI NOTED THAT ENOUGH ACP RATIFICATIONS HAD BEEN RECEIVED FOR LOME CONVENTION TO GO INTO EFFECT BUT THAT ONLY ONE EEC COUNTRY HAS RATIFIED CONVENTION TO DATE. CONCERNING SPECIAL PRODUCTS, COUNCIL APPROVED DECISION

REACHED DECEMBER 9 BY EEC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ON EEC IMPORTS OF CUT FLOWERS AND RUM. COUNCIL DECIDED TO PUSH FOR CONTINUATION IN 76 OF INTERIM AGREEMENT BETWEEN ACP AND EEC CONCERNING BEEF AND VEAL PROVISIONS. ON SUBJECT OF SUGAR, COUNCIL ADOPTED REPORT OF MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE OF EEC SUGAR EXPORTING COUNTRIES HELD IN MAURITIUS DECEMBER 7 AND 8. MAURITIUS MINAG, SATCAM BOOLELL, WAS DIRECTED TO HEAD DELEGATION TO WORK OUT 1976 SUGAR PRICES WITH EEC.

4. COUNCIL REMANDATED COMMITTEE OF AMBASSADORS TO STUDY FURTHER POSSIBILITIES OF INTRA-ACP RELATIONS AND REPORT TO COUNCIL AT ITS 11TH SESSION. COMMITTEE ALSO TO DISCUSS AND INVESTIGATE POSSIBILITY OF FORMATION OF AN ACP INVESTMENT BANK.

5. COUNCIL SET 11TH SESSION MEETING IN FIJI FOR JUNE 76 IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO ACP-EEC INTERMINISTERIAL SESSION ALSO TO BE IN FIJI. ACP SECY GENERAL TO BE ELECTED AT FIJI SESSION. HOWEVER, E. W. CARRINGTON, DIRECTOR TRADE AND INTEGRATION CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY SECRETARIAT, WAS NAMED DEPTY SECY GENERAL OF ACP SECRETARIAT.

6. COUNCIL ELECTED NEW OFFICERS AS FOLLOWS: PRESIDENT - GEORGE KING, MINAG, GHANA; VICE PRESIDENTS - JOSUA TONGAIVALU, MINAG, FIJI; SATCAM GOOLELL, MINAG, MARUITIUS; DICK MATENJE, MINFIN AND TRADE, MALAWI; SNF MINISTERS FROM CHAD AND TOGO TO BE NAMED LATER. END UNCLASSIFIED.

7. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. COMMENT: GOM TRIED HARD TO BE GOOD HOST TO DELEGATIONS PROVIDING CAR AND DRIVER FOR EACH, SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION FOR FRENCH AND ENGLISH AT SESSIONS, ADEQUATE MEETING FACILITIES AT KWACHA CENTER IN BLANTYRE, ETC. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HOWEVER FROM GOOD SOURCE WE HAVE LEARNED THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE DISGRUNTLEMENT AT DELEGATIONS BEING REQUIRED TO FLY OR DRIVE 220 MILES TO LILONGWE TO HAVE PRESIDENT BANDA OPEN MINISTERIAL MEETING, AND THEN RETURN BLANTYRE THE SAME DAY. BANDA SPEECH ALSO NOT WELL RECEIVED AS WAS LECTURING AND DIDACTIC IN TONE AND DEALT WITH BACKGROUND TO FORMATION OF EEC WHICH PRESUMABLY WELL KNOWN TO MOST DELEGATES AND NOT PERTINENT TO CURRENT DELIBERATIONS IN ANY CASE. ALSO HE MADE FREQUENT ASIDES TO POINT OUT THAT ALL AFRICAN COUNTRIES REPRESENTED OWE A GREAT DEBT TO HIMSELF, JOMO KENYATTA, KWAME NKRUMAH AND GEORGE PADIMORE. HE ALSO STRESSED THAT ACP IS FOR THE GOM PRUELY A PRESSURE GROUP AND THAT MALAWI RESERVES FOR ITSELF THE FULL RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ACP PROPOSALS (OR TO TAKE UNILATERAL ACTIONS VERSUS THE EEC) AS ITS OWN INTERESTS DICTATE.

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